ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY CLINIC

On May 9, 1994 Health Minister Ruth Grier announced the funding for an environmental illness research and clinical program. The Ministry of Health, University of Toronto, and Women's College Hospital are partners in the clinic which will be located at Women's College Hospital in Toronto.

A number of physicians in Ontario have expressed concerns that the area of environmental sensitivity has not received sufficient research attention. The new clinic will address these concerns by focusing its research on the definition of the disorder and establishing guidelines for diagnosis. The clinic will be directed by Dr. Gail McKeown-Eyssen of the University of Toronto's department of preventative medicine and biostatistics.

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SPECIAL CONFERENCE NOTICE

The third international conference on Sexual Exploitation by Health Professionals, Psychotherapists and Clergy, called *It's Never OK*, will be held in Toronto on October 13-15, 1994. This is the first such conference to be held in Canada and is sponsored by the Canadian Health Alliance to Stop Therapist Exploitation Now (best known by its expressive acronym CHASTEN) with funding support from the Ontario Ministry of Health.

The rapidly growing awareness of sexual exploitation in professional relationships is attested by the interest the first two conferences generated: six hundred health care providers and administrators, therapists, and religious and legal professionals attended the 1992 Minnesota Conference. At least as many are expected in Toronto this fall. Confirmed presenters in a program covering a wide range of issues include Ben Benjamin, Laura Brown, Sandra Butler, Clarissa Chandler, Carter Heyward, Linda Jorgensen, Susan Penfold, Peter Rutter, and Gary Schoener.

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